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TITLE: METHOD, SYSTEM, PROGRAM, AND DATA STRUCTURES FOR
HALFTONING WITH LINE SCREENS HAVING DIFFERENT LINES PER
INCH (LPI)

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the non-final office action dated July 2, 2004 ("Office Action") in which the Examiner found that claims 3, 11, 19, 27, 35, and 43 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form and rejected claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-18, 20-26, 28-34, 36-42, and 44-50 as either anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) or obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over prior art. Applicants amended the independent claims to further distinguish over the cited art and amended other claims to overcome the indefiniteness rejection (35 U.S.C. §112, par. 2). Applicants submit that pending claims 1-50 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3.

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